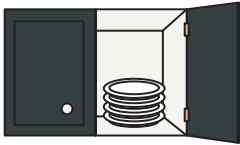


# Prepositions of Place

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# 1 Picture Dictionary



**in**

The dishes are **in** the cabinet.



**on**

The dog is **on** the sofa.



**next to / beside**

The recliner is **next to** the end table.



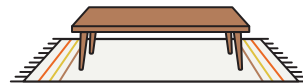
**near**

The TV is **near** the stereo.



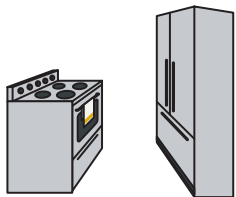
**above**

The painting is **above** the bed.



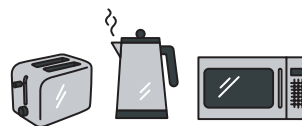
**under**

The rug is **under** the coffee table.



**across from**

The fridge is **across from** the stove.



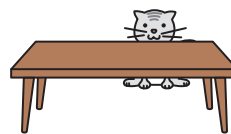
**between**

The kettle is **between** the toaster and the microwave.



**in front of**

The rug is **in front of** the TV.



**behind**

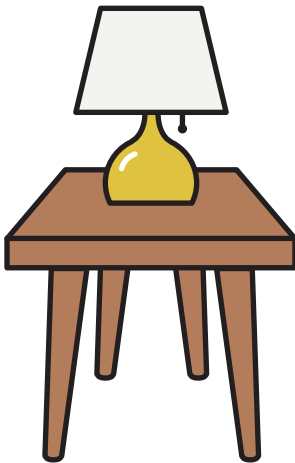
The cat is **behind** the coffee table.

## 2 Grammar Notes

### A. Pattern

This English sentence pattern is often used to describe the location of objects:

**There + is + a + [noun] + [preposition] + the + [noun].**



There is a lamp on the end table.



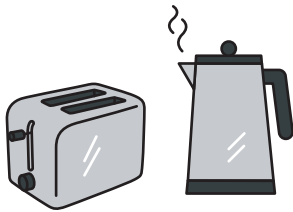
There is a painting above the sofa.

## 2 Grammar Notes cont.

### B. Take Note!

Some English prepositions have similar meanings.

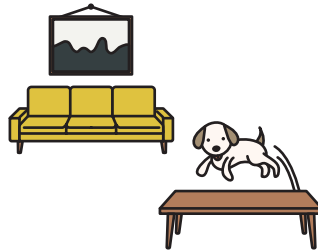
*Next to* and *beside* have the same meaning.



The toaster is **next to** the kettle.

The toaster is **beside** the kettle.

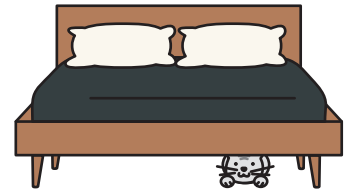
*Above* and *over* have similar meanings, but *over* is often used for movement.



There is a painting **above** the sofa.

The dog jumped **over** the coffee table.

*Under*, *beneath*, and *below* have similar meanings.



The cat is **under** the bed.  
The cat is **beneath** the bed.

The cat is **below** the bed.

# 3 Matchup

Draw a line from the preposition to the matching picture.

Ex above

1 in front of

2 under

3 in

4 between

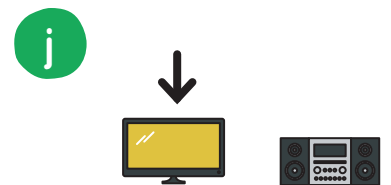
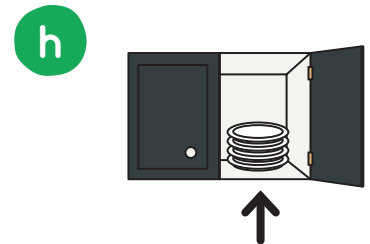
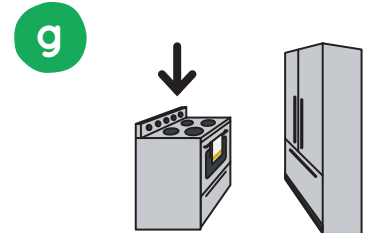
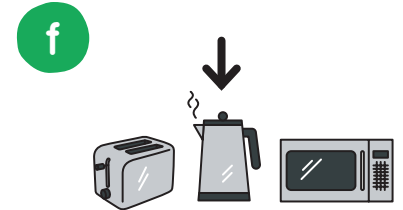
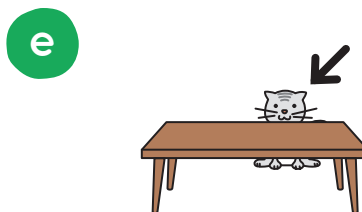
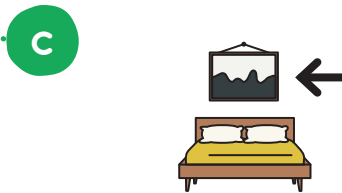
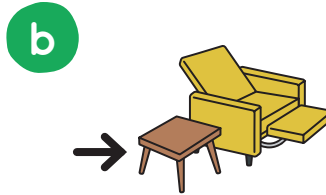
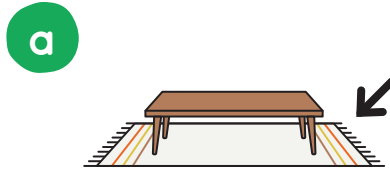
5 on

6 behind

7 across from

8 next to

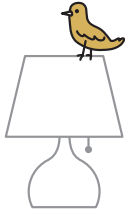
9 near



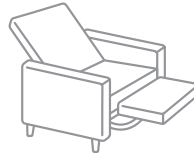
# 4 Where's My Pet?

Draw the pet in the correct place.

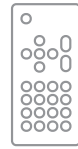
Ex My bird is on the lamp.



4 My cat is on the recliner.



8 My hamster is beside the remote control.



1 My dog is on the rug.



5 My bird is in the closet.



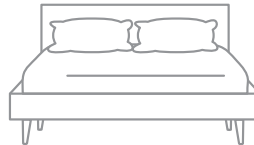
9 My cat is across from my dog.



2 My iguana is under the coffee table.



6 My dog is under the bed.



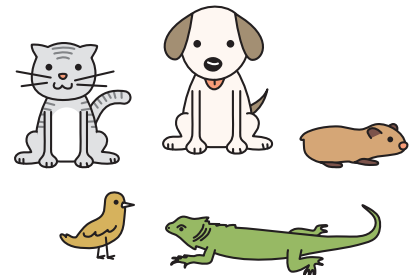
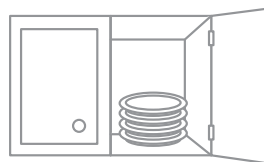
10 My bird is between the fridge and the stove.



3 My hamster is next to the lamp.



7 My iguana is in the cabinet.



## 5 In the Kitchen

Look at the picture of the kitchen. Then choose the best answer for each sentence on the following page.



## 5 In the Kitchen cont.

- Ex** The stove is \_\_\_\_\_ the toaster.
- a) above
  - b) near**
  - c) behind
  - d) on
- 1** The pot is \_\_\_\_\_ the pan.
- a) in front of
  - b) in**
  - c) behind
  - d) on
- 2** The kettle is \_\_\_\_\_ the microwave.
- a) across from
  - b) under**
  - c) above
  - d) next to
- 3** The pot is \_\_\_\_\_ the stove.
- a) in
  - b) above**
  - c) on
  - d) under
- 4** The cabinets are \_\_\_\_\_ the sink.
- a) under
  - b) between**
  - c) behind
  - d) on
- 5** The dishes are \_\_\_\_\_ the cabinet.
- a) in
  - b) on**
  - c) across from
  - d) behind
- 6** The kettle is \_\_\_\_\_ the microwave and the fridge.
- a) across from
  - b) between**
  - c) next to
  - d) beside
- 7** The fridge is \_\_\_\_\_ the stove.
- a) beside
  - b) behind**
  - c) next to
  - d) across from
- 8** The toaster is \_\_\_\_\_ the stove.
- a) on
  - b) above**
  - c) beside
  - d) across from
- 9** The flower pot is \_\_\_\_\_ the sink.
- a) in front of
  - b) on**
  - c) under
  - d) above

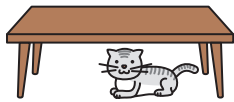
# 6 In the Living Room

Choose the preposition that matches each picture. Use each preposition only once.

**Prepositions:**

- in
- on
- next to
- above
- under
- between
- in front of
- behind

Ex



There is a cat under the coffee table.

4



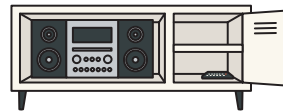
There is a dog \_\_\_\_\_ the sofa.

1



There is a couch \_\_\_\_\_ the recliner.

5



There is a remote control \_\_\_\_\_ the stereo cabinet.

2



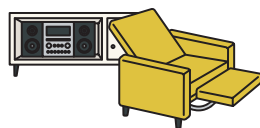
There is a painting \_\_\_\_\_ the sofa.

6



There is an end table \_\_\_\_\_ the sofa and the recliner.

3



There is a stereo \_\_\_\_\_ the recliner.

7

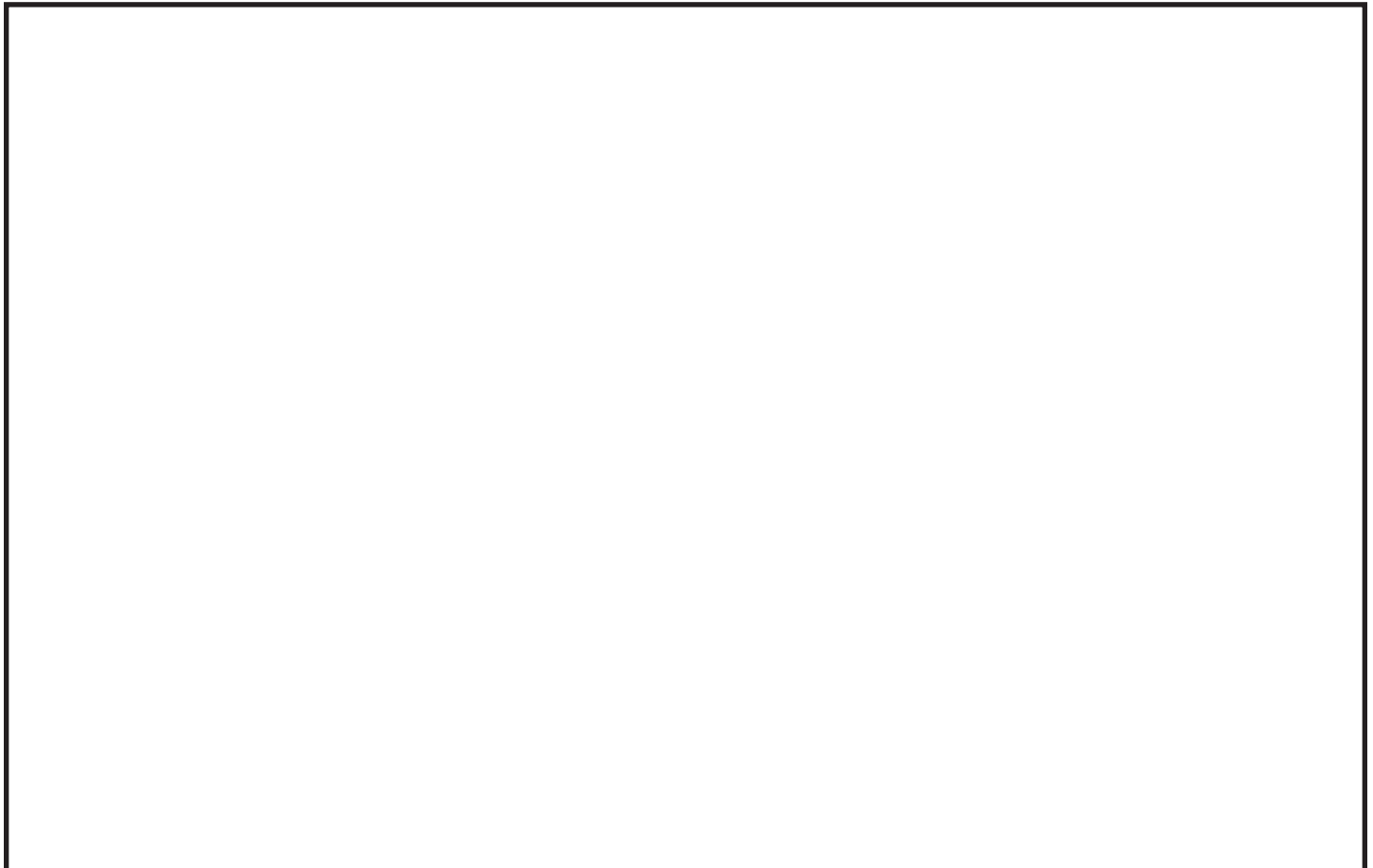


There is a coffee table \_\_\_\_\_ the sofa.

# 7 My Living Room

## A. My Living Room

Draw the objects below in the empty square.  
When you're finished drawing your living room,  
describe it to your partner (see page 11).

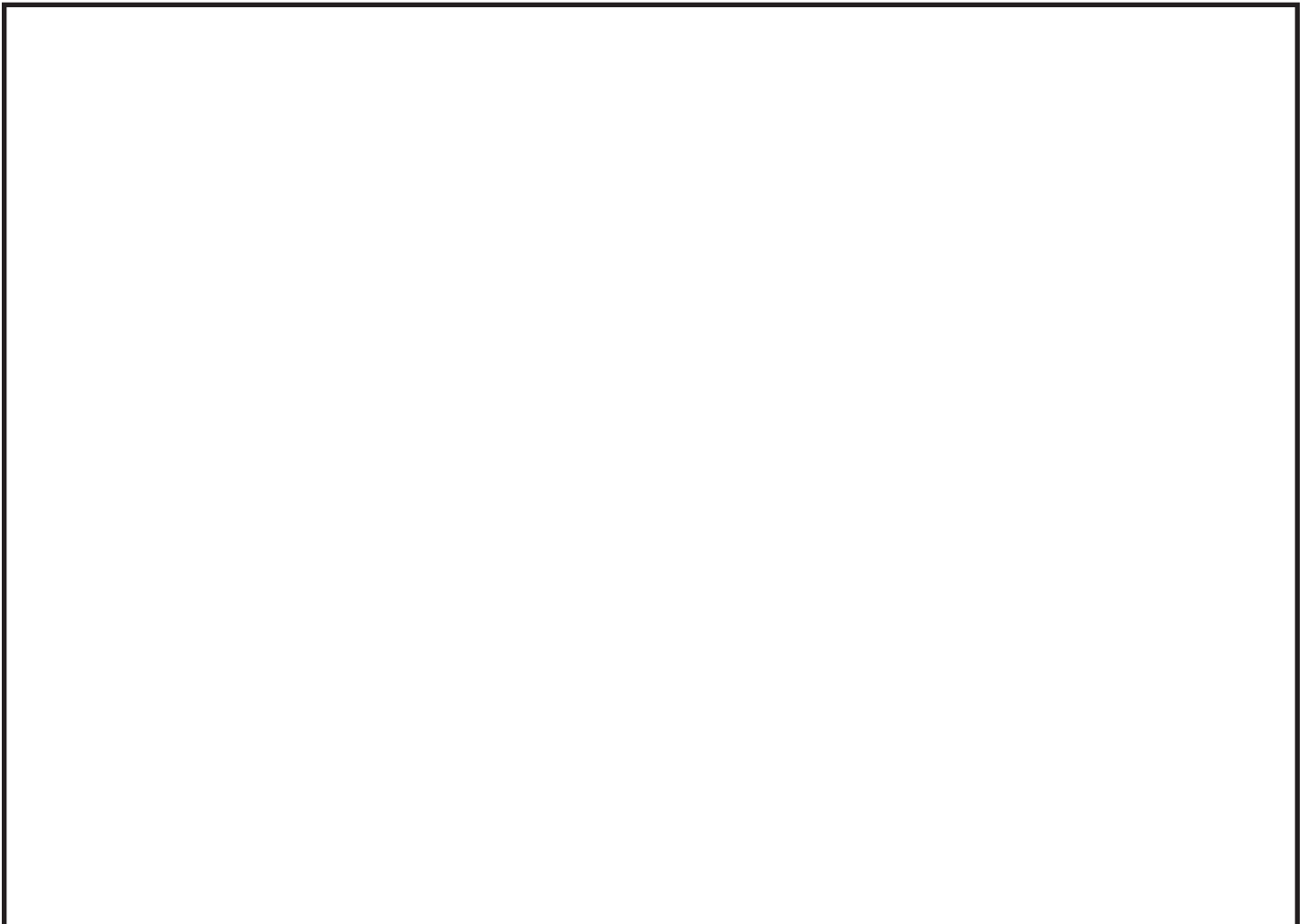


# 7 My Living Room cont.

## B. My Partner's Living Room

Listen as your partner describes his/her living room, and draw the objects to match the description in the empty box.

When you're finished, compare pictures with your partner.  
Do your drawings match?



# 8 My Silly House

## A. Writing

Fill in the blanks below. The sillier, the better!

### My Silly House

I live in a strange house! In my bedroom, there is a \_\_\_\_\_ on my bed.  
(big animal)

I have a painting of a \_\_\_\_\_ above my desk, and the walls are  
(body part)  
painted \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(color) (color)

In the living room, the TV is \_\_\_\_\_ the sofa.  
(preposition)

There is a \_\_\_\_\_ rug on the wall, and my  
(color)  
pet \_\_\_\_\_ is sleeping on the stereo.  
(small animal)

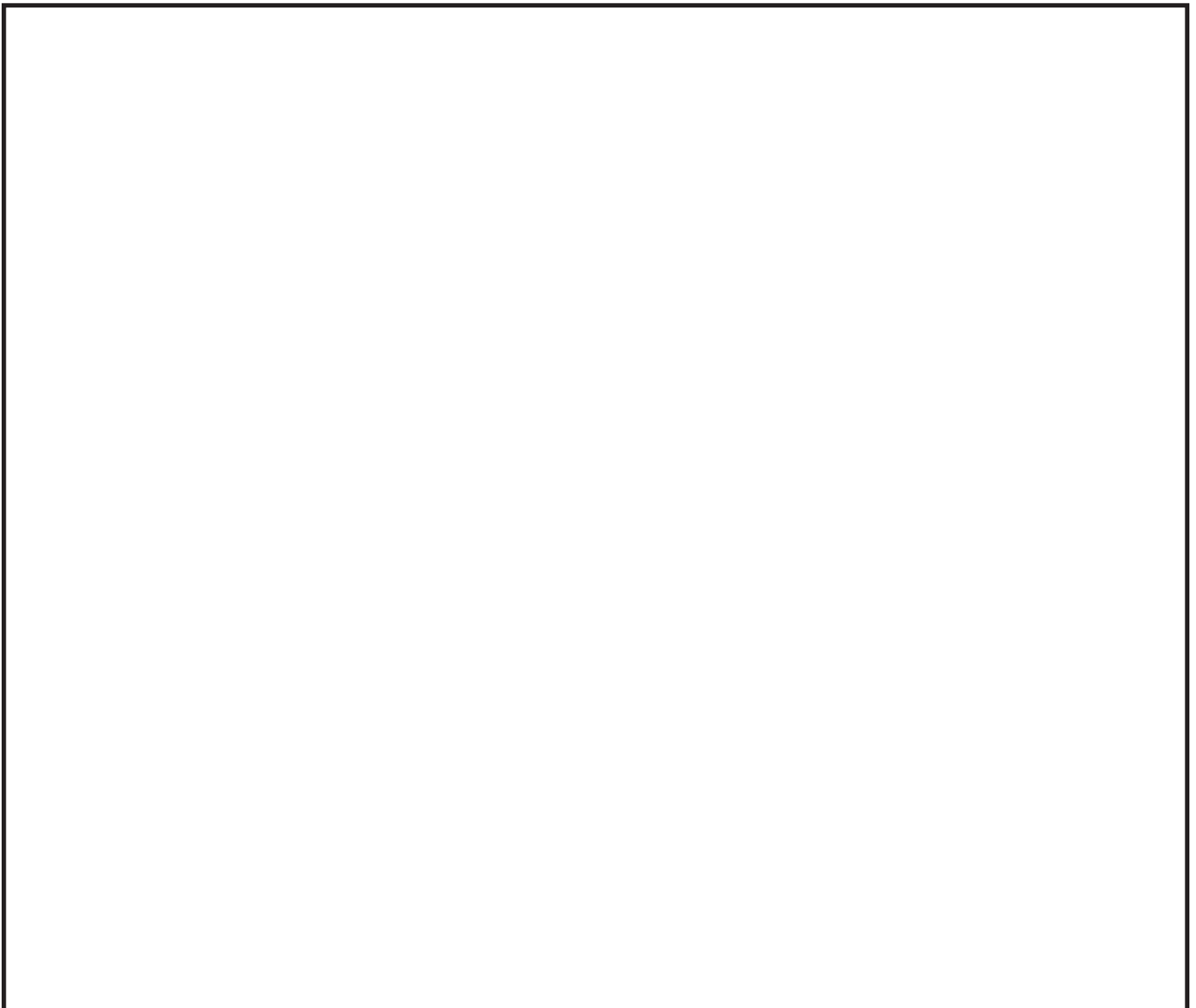
In my kitchen, the microwave is \_\_\_\_\_ the sink.  
(preposition)

There is a \_\_\_\_\_ in the fridge. Every morning, my mom makes  
(musical instrument)  
\_\_\_\_\_ in the toaster. Do you want to come over to my silly house?  
(food)

# 8 My Silly House cont.



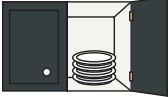
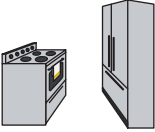
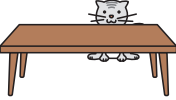





## B. Drawing

Now draw one of the rooms in your silly house!



# 9 Quiz

Fill in the blanks with a preposition.  
Use a different preposition each time.

- 1  The painting is \_\_\_\_\_ the bed.
- 2  The TV is \_\_\_\_\_ the stereo.
- 3  The dishes are \_\_\_\_\_ the cabinet.
- 4  The fridge is \_\_\_\_\_ the stove.
- 5  The cat is \_\_\_\_\_ the coffee table.
- 6  The dog is \_\_\_\_\_ the sofa.
- 7  The rug is \_\_\_\_\_ the TV.
- 8  The rug is \_\_\_\_\_ the coffee table.
- 9  The recliner is \_\_\_\_\_ the end table.
- 10  The kettle is \_\_\_\_\_ the toaster and the microwave.

# A Answer Key

## Lesson Description:

Students learn common prepositions of place through practice exercises and illustrations of furniture and animals. This lesson also includes speaking, writing, listening, and drawing activities.

**Level:** Beg - Low Int

**Time:** 2-3 hours

**Tags:** preposition, prepositions, prepositions of place, house, rooms, furniture, appliances, pets, grammar, grammar lesson, fun grammar lesson, speaking, writing, listening, drawing

## 3 Matchup

- |      |      |      |      |      |
|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1. i | 3. h | 5. d | 7. g | 9. j |
| 2. a | 4. f | 6. e | 8. b |      |

## 4 Where's My Pet?

Check that your students have drawn the animals in the correct locations.

## 5 In the Kitchen

- |      |      |      |      |      |
|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1. a | 3. c | 5. a | 7. d | 9. d |
| 2. d | 4. a | 6. b | 8. c |      |

## 6 In the Living Room

- |            |                |
|------------|----------------|
| 1. next to | 5. in          |
| 2. above   | 6. between     |
| 3. behind  | 7. in front of |
| 4. on      |                |

## 7 My Living Room

Answers will vary. Monitor students for correct preposition usage as they explain their drawings to their partners.

## 8 My Silly House

Answers will vary. After they've filled in the blanks individually, have students read their stories out loud to a partner or group.

## 9 Quiz

Answers may vary. To make it easier, write these prepositions on the board and instruct students to use each preposition only once: *in, on, next to/beside, near, above, under, across from, between, in front of, behind.*

- |                |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. above       | 6. on             |
| 2. near        | 7. in front of    |
| 3. in          | 8. under          |
| 4. across from | 9. next to/beside |
| 5. behind      | 10. between       |

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# A Answer Key cont.

## Spelling Note:

This lesson shows the American spelling of the word *Color*. Most other English-speaking countries spell it this way: *Colour*. Make it a challenge for your students to find this word in the lesson and see if they know the alternate spelling.

## Editor's Notes:

1. Use the flashcards on the following pages for additional grammar/vocabulary practice. For flashcard activities, see our blog post: <https://ellii.com/blog/10-ways-to-use-flashcards-in-class>
2. For more practice with vocabulary on housing and furniture, see our Word Bank lessons on the home. <https://ellii.com/lessons/word-bank>
3. For a discussion on *above* vs. *over* and *below* vs. *under/underneath*, check out our blog post: <https://ellii.com/blog/commonly-confused-prepositions-above-over-below-under>

